

TYLDESLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1966

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Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
TYLDESLEY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Tyldesley for the year 1966.

### STATISTICS

According to the Registrar General's mid year estimate the population of the district has again shown an increase, being 19,010 as against 18,210 the previous year and 17,540 in 1964.

During the year under review 432 live births occurred, an increase of 72 on the previous year. 7 babies were still born. Relating these figures to the population, the adjusted Live Birth Rate is 25.0 an increase of 3.3 on the previous year, and the Still Birth Rate a decrease of 5.8 on the year 1965 to 15.9.

8 babies died during their first year of life giving an Infant Mortality Rate for the year of 18.5. Of these, 5 occurred within the first week and 3 in the second month.

The total number of deaths (from all causes) is 7 more than in the previous year, being 219 and 19 more than in 1964 when there were 200 deaths. As in previous years the main cause of death has been disease of the heart and blood vessels, accounting for just over half of the total. Relating the number of deaths to the population as a whole the Death Rate for the year is 12.8 less by 0.5 than in 1965.

### HEALTH SERVICES

The personal health services have been provided in the district by the Lancashire County Council, through its Divisional Health Administration Scheme, as the Local Health Authority. The essential information in relation to these services is given in Section B of this report. Should you require further details I would refer you to my Annual Report as Divisional Medical Officer.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The sanitary circumstances of the district have been kept under close supervision. Special attention has been paid to food and water supplies, housing and sanitation. With an assurance of the availability of smokeless fuel supplies, the Council decided to initiate their first Smoke Control Area.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In conclusion I am pleased to record my sincere appreciation of your continued support and encouragement throughout the year, and, at the same time to thank the chief officials, and my own public health staff in particular for their help and advice on many matters.

Yours sincerely,

E. TAYLOR.

Medical Officer of Health.

Area in Acres . . . . .	5,174
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1966) . . . . .	19,010
Population census 1931 . . . . .	19,430
Population preliminary census 1961 . . . . .	16,810
Number of inhabited houses (census 1931) . . . . .	4,393
Number of inhabited houses (census 1961) . . . . .	5,751
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1966) according to Rate Book . . . . .	6,594
Rateable Value . . . . .	£516,457
Sum represented by a penny rate . . . . .	£ 1,925

### VITAL STATISTICS

Calculated on a population of 19,010

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BIRTHS</u>			
Live Births - Legitimate	209	212	421
Illegitimate	7	4	11
	<hr/> 216	<hr/> 216	<hr/> 432
Still Births - Legitimate	1	5	6
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 7

Total registered Births for 1966 - 432  
Total registered Births for 1965 - 368



LIVE BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of population)

Adjusted Rate for year 1966. . . . .	25.0
Adjusted Rate for year 1965. . . . .	21.7
For 5 year average 1961 - 1965 . . . . .	18.6
Increase in 1966 on 1965 . . . . .	3.3
Increase in 1966 on 5 year average. . . . .	6.4
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	17.7

STILL BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of population)

For Year 1966. . . . .	15.9
For Year 1965. . . . .	21.7
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	15.4

## DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
INFANTILE - Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	4	4	8

## MATERNAL

NIL

## OTHER CAUSES

	Male	Female	Total
Cancer	12	9	21
Tuberculosis	2	-	2
Other Causes	100	96	196
Total registered deaths for 1966:	114	105	219

Total registered deaths for 1965:	119	93	212
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### INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE (Per 1,000 Live Births)

For Year 1966 . . . . .	18.5
For Year 1965 . . . . .	25.0
For 5 year average 1961 - 1965 . . . . .	17.9
Decrease in 1966 on 1965 . . . . .	6.5
Increase in 1966 on 5 year average . . . . .	0.6
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	19.0

### TOTAL MATERNAL MORTALITY (Live and Still Births)

For Year 1966 . . . . .	Nil
For Year 1965 . . . . .	Nil
For 5 year average 1961 - 1965 . . . . .	0.60
Decrease in 1966 on 1965 . . . . .	Nil
Decrease in 1966 on 5 year average . . . . .	0.60
Maternal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	0.26

### TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

For Year 1966 . . . . .	0.11
For Year 1965 . . . . .	Nil
For 5 year average 1961 - 1965 . . . . .	0.02
Increase in 1966 on 1965 . . . . .	0.11
Increase in 1966 on 5 year average . . . . .	0.09
Tuberculosis Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	0.048

### DEATH RATE

For Year 1966 . . . . .	12.8
For Year 1965 . . . . .	13.3
For 5 year average 1961 - 1965 . . . . .	13.9
Decrease in 1966 on 1965 . . . . .	0.5
Decrease in 1966 on 5 year average . . . . .	1.1
Death Rate for England and Wales for 1966 . . . . .	11.7

INFANTILE MORTALITY

8 deaths were reported compared with 9 during 1965 and 6 in 1964. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1966 of 18.5 compared with 25.0 in 1965.

The cases and ages were as follows:-

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE IN MONTHS</u>			
	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>6-12</u>
Pneumonia	2	1	-	-
Enteritis	-	1	-	-
Congenital Malformation	2	-	-	-
Accident	1	-	-	-
Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	1	-	-	-
	6	2	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate births 18.5.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

5 deaths occurred in the neo-natal period (under 4 weeks) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 11.6.

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

5 deaths occurred in the early neo-natal period (under 1 week) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 11.6.

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

With 7 still births and 5 deaths under 1 week the perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births was 27.3.



CAUSE OF DEATH DURING 1966

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis - Respiratory	2	-	2
2. Tuberculosis - Other Forms	-	-	-
3. Syphillitic Disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
10. Cancer of Stomach	2	2	4
11. Cancer of Lung, Bronchus	4	1	5
12. Cancer of Breast	-	1	1
13. Cancer of Uterus	-	4	4
14. Cancer of Other Sites	6	1	7
15. Leukaemia	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	2	2	4
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	13	20	33
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	27	14	41
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	6	9
20. Other Heart Disease	8	13	21
21. Other Circulatory Disease	8	5	13
22. Influenza	1	5	6
23. Pneumonia	4	8	12
24. Bronchitis	10	5	15
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	4	1	5
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformation	1	1	2
32. Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	10	8	18
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	-	4
34. All Other Accidents	4	2	6
35. Suicide	1	3	4
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
	114	105	219



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1966 WITH

ANALYSIS OF CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

D I S E A S E S	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths	A G E I N C I D E N C E									
				Under one Year	1 to 3	3 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Age unknown
Measles	246	-	-	10	91	107	31	3	-	-	-	-	4
Whooping Cough	8	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	255	-	-	10	94	112	32	3	-	-	-	-	4

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1966

NEW CASES

DEATHS

Pulmonary : Non-Pulmonary

Pulmonary : Non-Pulmonary

	M	:	F	M	:	F	M	:	F	M	:	F
1965	2		4	-		-	-		-	-		-
1966	3		3	-		-	2		-	-		-

SECTION BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICESAmbulance Service

Orchard Lane, Atherton . . . . . Tel. No. Swinton 4343

Care of Children - Children's Act, 1948

Children's Committee - Lancashire County Council Area No. 11

Area Children's Officer:-

Mr. G. Littlemore,

William Deacon's Bank Chambers,

Market Street,

LEIGH.

Tel. No. Leigh 72206/7

Clinics

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1) Ante-Natal                        | Elliott Street Clinic Monday p.m.  |
| 2) Post-Natal                        | Elliott Street Clinic Monday p.m.  |
| 3) Immunisation                      | At County Clinics as required.   |
| 4) Maternity & Child Welfare         | (1) Astley Centre Thursday p.m.<br>(2) George Street Centre Tyldesley,<br>Tuesday p.m. |
| 5) Ophthalmic<br>(by appointment)    | Elliott Street Clinic Friday a.m.  |
| 6) Orthopaedic<br>(by appointment)   | Elliott Street Clinic 2nd Friday of<br>each month.                                     |
| 7) School Health & Minor<br>Ailments | Elliott Street Clinic Monday a.m.  |
| 8) Physiotherapy<br>(by appointment) | Elliott Street Clinic Thursday a.m.  |
| 9) Dental                            | Elliott Street Clinic Monday p.m.<br>Tuesday and Thursday all day.                     |
| 10) Tuberculosis                     | The Infirmary, Leigh.  |



## Venereal Disease

(1) Civic Centre, Bolton.MALES:-

Mon. to Fri. 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Mon. Wed. 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

and Fri.

FEMALES:-

Tues. Thurs. 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

and Sat.

Mon. Wed. 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

and Fri.

(2) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.MALES:-

Fri. 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FEMALES:-

Wed. 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

(3) The Infirmary, Leigh.MALES AND FEMALES:-

Mon. 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Convalescence

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

Convalescent Treatment

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board.

Health Visiting Service

Two Health Visitors/School Nurses employed in the District by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Help Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council. Applications to Divisional Health Offices, Leigh Road, Leigh.

Home Nursing Service

Male and Female District Nurses provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals

## 1) General

Leigh Infirmary, Bolton Infirmary, Atherleigh Hospital, Astley Hospital.

## 2) Infectious Diseases

Whelley Hospital, Hulton Lane Hospital.

## 3) Maternity

Billinge Hospital, Davyhulme Hospital,  
St. Mary's Hospital, Bolton and District  
General Hospital.

Maternity Homes

Firs Maternity Home, Leigh.

Laboratory Facilities

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries, and  
the Public Health Laboratory at Withington Hospital.

Midwifery Service

Two full time domiciliary midwives provided by the Lancashire County  
Council.

Moral Welfare

Local Officer:-

Mrs. J. Johnson,

186 Chapel Street,

LEIGH.

Tel. No. Leigh 71061

(Council for Moral Welfare Work)

Nursing Homes

None in the District.

Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

Welfare Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council residential  
accommodation is available at Atherleigh Grange and Hourigan House, Leigh,  
Winifred Kettle House, Westhoughton and Park House, Tyldesley.

X Ray Facilities

At the General Hospitals of the Regional Board, Leigh, Bolton and  
Wigan. Facilities for special chest cases at the Chest Clinic, Leigh  
Infirmary.

SECTION CPREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASESDIPHTHERIA

As last year no case or carrier was notified. Continuation of immunisation is still essential if the disease is to be controlled.

DYSENTERY

13 notifications were received during the year, but all proved negative and none were admitted to hospital. Control depends upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

ERYSIPELAS

No cases were notified.

FOOD POISONING

1 case was notified but not confirmed. As in the case of Dysentery, control of Food Poisoning is dependent upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

MALARIA

No notifications for the year.

MEASLES

246 cases were notified as against 127 in the previous year.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION

No cases notified during the year.

PARATYPHOID AND TYPHOID FEVER

No cases notified for the year.

PNEUMONIA

No cases notified.

POLIOMYELITIS

It is pleasing to report that there has been another year with no cases of this disease.



PUERPERAL PYREXIA

No case notified during the year.

SCARLET FEVER

1 case was notified as against 27 the previous year.

SMALLPOX

No notified cases or contacts within the district for the year under review.

TUBERCULOSIS

6 new cases of pulmonary and none of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were reported during the year, as compared with 6 and none respectively the previous year. There were 2 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

WHOOPING COUGH

This year there were 8 cases as against 3 in 1965 and there were no deaths.



SECTION DSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAGENERAL INFORMATION

The major portion of the district is urban in character concentrated chiefly in the north and centre, surrounded by an area of agricultural land.

The main industries are coal mining, cotton spinning and engineering, with a small number in agriculture.

None of the above industries appears to have given rise to any significant increase in injuries or disabilities of any occupational character throughout the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Committee are responsible for the supply and distribution of the water supply in the district.

6,583 dwelling houses, with a population of 18,960 persons are supplied with water from public mains. 11 houses with a total of 50 occupants draw supplies from private wells or springs. These are situated in isolated parts of the district and the dwellings are in connection with small holdings or agricultural land.

139 new houses have been connected to the town's water mains.

25 bacteriological examinations of town's water were made during the year, 23 satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory. Investigations were made by the water authority regarding the unsatisfactory samples and follow up samples provided to be satisfactory.

Water mains have been renewed to the extent of 400 lineal yards to existing dwellings and 855 lineal yards to new dwellings.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewage is delivered to the East Lancashire Road pumping station by four sewers, two of 38" diameter and two of 30" and 24" diameter respectively, converging from different areas of the district. The pumping station delivers flows of 6 times dry weather flow to the disposal works and flows in excess of this enter the storm water pumping station and are discharged direct to Astley Brook.

Treatment is by means of sedimentation tanks and percolating filters followed by final settlement in circular humus tanks, fitted with electrically operated sludge removal gear. A third pumping station delivers the effluent to Black Moss Brook.

Work has been completed on the 33" Chaddock Lane sewer (Section 2), and work completed on the 18" South Lane Storm Water sewer.

Work is in progress on the Manchester Road, Astley, 36" sewer. The Chaddock Tributary sewer and the Shakerley Trunk sewer are in the design stage.

The scheme for the installation of the Farrow Irrigation Sludge Disposal system at the Sewage Works has been finalised, and delivery of equipment is awaited.

#### SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Eight dealers with premises in the district are registered under the above Act.

#### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT

There are no premises in the district registered for the use of Rag Flock.

#### PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT 1928 AND 1936

The following licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year.

Not exceeding	100 gallons	-	3
Exceeding	100 gallons not exceeding	500 gallons	- 8
Exceeding	500 gallons not exceeding	1,000 gallons	- 3
Exceeding	1,000 gallons not exceeding	5,000 gallons	- 8
Exceeding	5,000 gallons	-	4

#### SWIMMING BATHS

The Public Baths are situated in Castle Street, and consist of one plunge. Towns main water is used for filling, and treatment is by the continuousfiltration method with a 4 hour turnover period.

12 samples of swimming bath water were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, all were reported as satisfactory.



SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The figures below show the sanitary accommodation for the district for the present year compared with the year 1965.

	1966	1965
Number of privy middens	6	6
Number of closets attached to the above middens	7	7
Number of pail closets	42	45
Number of trough closets	Nil	Nil
Number of waste water closets	66	70
Number of fresh water closets	7,489	7,283

4 waste water closets have been converted to fresh water closets.

Grants are made by the Council for closet conversions on the following scale:-

£9 or half the cost which ever is the less for privy and pail conversions  
£8 or half the cost which ever is the less for waste water closets

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of house refuse is maintained throughout the district by means of 4 side loading 10 c.yd. vehicles and refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping. Pail closets are emptied by the gully tank.

Tipping has continued on the Mount Pleasant site Shakerley during the year.

In the early summer the refuse tip was treated with an insecticide dressing, which has continued weekly throughout the summer months, and has been found to be effective in preventing nuisance from flies and crickets.

Scavenging, gully emptying and snow removal are undertaken by the Surveyor's Department.

The provision of free dustbins has continued, and 442 bins were supplied by the department during the financial year.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of Inspections and Reinspections during the year . . . . .	3,083
Number of preliminary notices served . . . . .	55
Number of preliminary notices abated . . . . .	22
Number of statutory notices served . . . . .	52
Number of statutory notices abated . . . . .	33

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Infectious Diseases . . . . .	16
Public Health Act, Visits and Revisits . . . . .	375
Drainage . . . . .	166
Market . . . . .	7
Refuse Collection and Disposal . . . . .	19
Slaughterhouses . . . . .	438
Housing Acts . . . . .	222
Petroleum Regulations . . . . .	11
Rodent Control . . . . .	40
Food Preparing Premises . . . . .	135
Factories . . . . .	134
Closet Conversions . . . . .	5
Keeping of Animals . . . . .	3
Food Shops &c. . . . .	248
Smoke Abatement . . . . .	95
Smoke Control Areas . . . . .	498
Sampling . . . . .	95
Accumulations . . . . .	26
Water Supply . . . . .	42
Verminous Premises . . . . .	169
Pet Shops . . . . .	4
Animal Boarding Establishments . . . . .	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Establishments . . . . .	166
Standard Grants . . . . .	90
Miscellaneous Visits and Interviews . . . . .	78



FACTORIES

The following tables give the number of inspections made regarding factories and the defects discovered &c.

	NO. ON REGTR.	NO. OF INSP.	NO. OF WRITTEN NOTICES	NO. OF OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
Factories without mechanical power	2	3	—	—
Factories with mechanical power	51	131	—	—
TOTAL	53	134	—	—

	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSP.	BY H.M. INSP.	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSEC. WERE INSTITUTED
Want of Cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences	12	9	—	—	—
Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	—	—
Insufficient	3	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	16	10	—	—	—

SMOKE

Water spraying continued on Astley Green and Cleworth Hall Colliery spoilbanks,

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

All newly registered premises received a general inspection during the year, and 166 visits were made by your inspectors.

As last year the chief contravention is failure to display a copy of the abstract.

One accident was reported to the Local Authority, a fractured elbow caused by a fall from a step ladder.

Artificial lighting conditions were checked at 33 offices and shops, using a standard light meter.

The following tables show the number of premises registered at the end of the year and the number of general inspections, also the number of persons employed in the various classes of workplace.

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Offices. . . . .	156
Retail Shops . . . . .	238
Wholesale Departments. . . . .	18
Catering Establishments . . . . .	72
Canteens . . . . .	-
Fuel Storage Depots . . . . .	5

	<u>Class of premises</u>				
	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Retail Shops</u>	<u>Whole-sale shops, ware-houses</u>	<u>Catering Establishments open to public, canteens</u>	<u>Fuel Storage Depots</u>
(a)No. of registered premises at end of year	29	93	5	14	1
(b)No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	3	3	-	-	-
(c)No. of exemptions current at end of year	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Space (S.5 (2) )	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Temperature (S.6)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary conveniences(S.9)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Washing facilities (S.10)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL



VERMINOUS PREMISES

86 premises (15 Council houses and 71 others) were disinfested during the year with 5% DDT solution sprayed on to walls, woodwork &c. which treatment appears to give satisfactory results.

Household effects and furniture are examined before removal to Council houses and treated where necessary, advice and instructions are given to tenants in appropriate cases of the habits of vermin and the necessary measures to prevent re-infestation.

RODENT CONTROL

A Rodent Operator is employed part-time in this work and the Ministry's recommended methods employed. All premises concerning which complaints are made are visited either by your Public Health Inspector or the Rodent Operator, and treatment carried out where necessary. A charge is made for business premises, but a free service is provided for private dwelling houses.

The various properties and premises in the Council's occupation are regularly inspected and treated where necessary.

4,071 visits have been made to private dwellings, business premises and local authorities properties in connection with rodent infestation.

In addition two sewer treatments have been undertaken involving the inspection and baiting of manholes with fluoroacetamide.

SCHOOLS

All the schools are provided with an adequate water supply and fresh water closets.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

16 visits were paid to premises where Infectious Disease had occurred.

12 faecal specimens were submitted for examination, none of which was reported as positive Dysentery.



HOUSING

The majority of houses in the area are of 4 roomed cottage type lacking in the main such amenities as hot water supply and baths. Although materials are easier to obtain, prices remain high and this together with the high cost of labour make repairs still difficult to obtain.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	351
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Number of inspections made for that purpose	597
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Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation as a result of the preliminary Slum Clearance Survey	65
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Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	51
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Number of dwelling houses where defects were remedied without formal notice	21
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Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	52
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Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	30
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231 houses were erected during the year by private persons and 9 by the Local Authority.

There were 158 applications for Council houses at the end of 1966 and 161 for bungalows. Approximately 50% of applications are from sub-tenants.

Information extracted from the Council house application register show the number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year to be 36 comprising 61 families and 216 persons. 20 new cases of overcrowding were reported during the year and 13 cases relieved.

6 Clearance Orders have been declared during the year, comprising 52 dwelling houses, and 6 dwelling houses have been the subject of Demolition Orders.

In addition 23 prefabricated houses have been demolished and 4 houses in Croft Place.

Number of houses demolished during the year	31
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Number of persons displaced during the year	102
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Number of families rehoused	35
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HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 - STANDARD GRANTS

46 applications for Standard Grants under the above Act were made during the year ending December 1966 and 42 applications granted, a decrease over the previous year.

Total amount of grants paid - £3,597 8s. 4d.

RENT ACT, 1957

## Part 1 - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates	Nil
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	Nil
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority	Nil
(6) Number of certificates issued	Nil

## Part 11 - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	Nil
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9) Decision by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	Nil

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is one common lodging house in the district licenced annually with accommodation for 10 persons, which is conducted in a satisfactory manner.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1961

2 licences to keep Pet shops have been issued during the year.



ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

1 licence to keep an Animal Boarding Establishment has been issued during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The supervision and inspection of dairy farms is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and milk licences in the area are now issued by the Lancashire County Council.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

923 visits have been made to food premises and the following foodstuffs were condemned:-

<u>N A T U R E</u>	<u>Q U A N T I T I E S</u>			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Canned Meat			1	7.
Meat (including 5 lambs, 1 heifer and 2 cow carcasses)	5	6	0	22
Miscellaneous (canned foodstuffs etc.)		5	3	18
Margarine				22
	5	12	2	3

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades in the district.

PRESERVED FOOD &C.

Premises used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved meat, fish or other food intended for sale must be registered. The number of premises registered at the end of the year was 17.

4 private slaughterhouses were licensed for the slaughter of animals.

During the year 12 licences were issued to persons to slaughter animals for human consumption.

Condemned meat is sent to a nearby cat and dog food manufacturer, where it is sterilised and canned for animal food.

438 visits have been made to slaughterhouses in the district and the carcasses of the following animals inspected 1,185 cattle, 280 cows, 3 calves, 8,317 sheep and 1 pig.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,185	280	3	8,317	1
Number Inspected	1,185	280	3	8,317	1
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
1) Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	-	5	-
2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	422	204	-	1,237	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	36.0	74.0	-	15.0	-
Tuberculosis only:-					
1) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:-					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD POISONING

No cases were confirmed during the year.



FOOD PREMISES

Progress regarding the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued to be good. Advice and assistance is given to all who desire it to enable them to comply with the regulations.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Premises used for the sale or manufacture of ice cream have been visited regularly. There are now 54 premises registered for the sale and 1 for the manufacture of ice cream.

71 samples of ice cream were obtained and submitted to the methylene blue test of which 64 were Grade 1, 6 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is undertaken by the Lancashire County Council, and during the year 90 samples have been obtained by the Inspectors, 45 being milk and 45 others comprising:-

1 Vitamin C Tablets	2 Baby food (mixed cereal with fruit and nuts)
1 Castor Oil B.P.	2 Table jelly
1 Tapioca	1 Lard
1 Vegetables, dried	1 Plain flour
1 Vegetables, canned	1 Epsom Salts B.P.
1 Fruit, canned	1 Saccharine tablets
1 Rice Pudding, canned	1 Soft drink essence
2 Sweets	1 Flavouring material
1 Soft drink crystals	1 Curry paste
1 Laxative tablets	1 Spaghetti Milanese
2 Fruit, dried	1 Edible cake decorations
1 Avomine tablets	1 Christmas pudding
1 Cough sweets	1 ground ginger
1 Margarine	1 ground nutmeg
2 Borax B.P.	1 cough syrup
1 Mustard compound	1 Paynocil tablets
2 Potato sticks	1 Zinc ointment B.P.
1 Tincture of Iodine B.P.	1 Flour confectionery
1 Jelly crystals, unsweetened	
1 Malt extract and vitamin	

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on 5 samples as under:-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Results of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Informal Milk	Contained 0.08% International Unit Penicillin per millimetre.	Dairy notified.
Avomine tablets	Label did not contain cautionary wording.	Vendor notified.

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Results of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Potato sticks	Contained $7\frac{1}{4}$ grms. of over heated potato crumb.	Packers communicated with.
Flour confectionery	The insect submitted with this sample of pastry was a Stegobium Paniceum (drug store beetle) 2.25 millimetres in length.	Complainant informed. and suppliers cautioned.
Borax	128% of borax calculated as $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .	No action taken.







